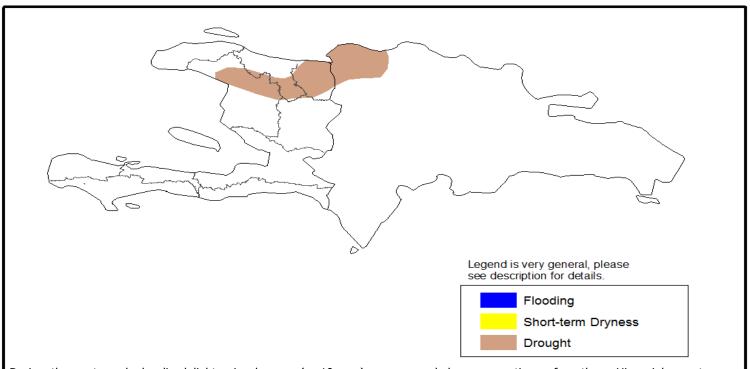






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 2 – February 8, 2012

Little to no precipitation was recorded across Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, localized light rain showers (< 10 mm) were recorded across portions of northern Hispaniola, eastern Dominican Republic and central Haiti. Elsewhere, little to no precipitation was observed. After an increase in rains across northern Hispaniola during the past couple of weeks, light rainfall has returned. The lack of rain will negatively affect winter cropping activities across northern Haiti. However, the rains during early January have provided beneficial ground moisture and have positively aided irrigated cropping areas. Rain-fed crops have not benefited as much. Climatologically, rains across Hispaniola are expected to be lightest during February. For the next week, moderate rain (10-30 mm) is forecast across northern and eastern Dominican Republic with the heaviest rains located over northeastern Dominican Republic. Farther west, light rains (< 10 mm) are expected across Haiti and western Dominican Republic.